

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20554

March 18, 2009

IN REPLY REFER TO:
1800B3-DW

WM. Keith Bowman
Triad Broadcasting
1900 Bluefield Avenue
Bluefield, WV 24701

In re: **WBDY(AM), Bluefield, WV**
Facility ID No. 60423
Silent Since February 1, 2009
Request For Special Temporary
Authority To Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Bowman:

This letter concerns the request, filed on March 10, 2009, on behalf of Triad Broadcasting ("Triad"), for Special Temporary Authority to permit Station WBDY(AM) to remain silent.

Triad's request states that WBDY(AM) went silent on February 1, 2009, due to financial difficulties. Triad's request includes the appropriate certification regarding Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.¹

Triad's request will be granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WBDY(AM) to remain silent for a period not to exceed 180 days from the date of this letter. **Notwithstanding the grant of this special temporary authority, the broadcast license for WBDY(AM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m. on February 2, 2010.**² See Section 312(g) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. Section 312(g).

¹ In the event extension of special temporary authority is sought, please renew the certification in this matter.

²Notification of resumption of broadcast operations must either be electronically filed or mailed to:

Federal Communications Commission
Attn: 1800B3-DW, Room 2-B450
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Finally, the station's silent status does not suspend the licensee's obligation to comply with all other relevant Commission rules, including the filing, when appropriate, of applications for renewal of broadcast license. Additionally, we note that it is imperative to the safety of air navigation that any prescribed painting and illumination of the station's towers shall be maintained. See 47 C.F.R. Sections 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "H. Taft Snowdon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "H." being particularly prominent.

H. Taft Snowdon
Supervisory Attorney
Audio Division
Media Bureau